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Mr. Henry V. Poor
Director and General Counsel
New York State Housing Finance Agency
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Dear Henry:

I am very grateful for your letter of 11 May.

Your expression of support is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for taking the trouble to write.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

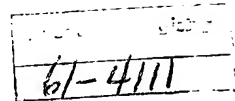
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Hon. Allen W. Dulles
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Dear Allen:

Recent news stories make one feel much like an old grad whose alma mater's name is being unjustly sullied, and who wants desperately to rush to her aid and to that of her president. (What these same events make you feel is awful to contemplate!)

However ineffective an aid, this letter carries my strong support, reiterates my admiration for you, and expresses my earnest hope that all works out as you would wish.

The Cuban affair created a need for a scapegoat. What better than one that couldn't answer back? I'm keeping my fingers crossed at the idea that any appreciable part of the alma mater's functions will be turned over to the Pentagon. This transfer would be a great mistake - please let me know if any of us would be helpful in building up resistance to such an idea.

Very best wishes.

Faithfully yours,


Henry V. Poor